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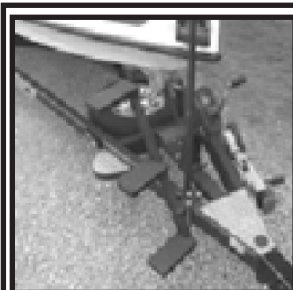
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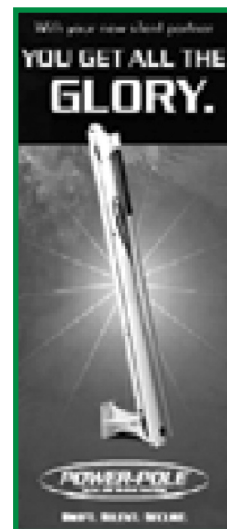
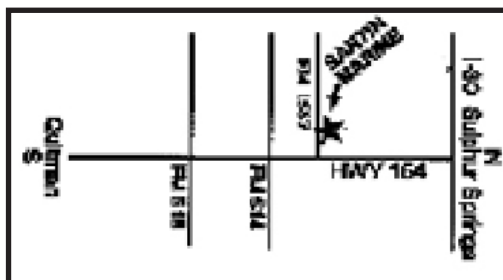


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By Don Hampton

The Texas Trails Bassmasters will be hosting their 27th Semi-Annual Lake Fork Open Tournament on October 26th. Tournament headquarters will be Oak Ridge Marina on Hwy. 154.

This is a fund raiser tournament for the club that assists them in their youth, conservation and social and club function. This is one club that truly supports, promotes, and protects Lake Fork. All of the directors on the Board of "The Wish to Fish Foundation" are members of this club.

You will help support by coming out on Oc-

## TEXAS TRAILS BASSMASTERS OPEN TOURNAMENT OCTOBER 26TH

tober 26th and fishing their tournament. Fishing hours will be from 6 A.M. until 3:30 P.M. All contestants must be in line by 3:30 official time. It is an individual heavy string tournament. Entry fee is \$45 and \$10 for big bass which is optional. This is one club that holds tournaments on this reservoir that pays back to the anglers 80% of entry fees and 100% of big bass entries. There will be 10 places paid for heavy stringer, and 3 places for big bass.

Raffle tickets will be sold for prizes at registration and weigh-in. Ticket cost is \$1 each, 6 for \$5, or 12 for \$10. If you are not able to fish the tournament, come out and get in on the drawing, show your support and

if you're one of the lucky ones, you will take home a nice prize. Texas Trails Bassmasters of Lake Fork have some really great sponsors and will have some great prizes to be given away.

Registration for the tournament will begin on Friday, October 25th from 4 P.M. till 9 P.M., and again on Saturday morning from 5 A.M. to 6 A.M. All contestants must register.

If you have been thinking of joining a bass club, you could not find a better one to be a part of. Individual, husband and wife, or family memberships are welcome. If you wish to improve your fishing skills and learn new techniques,

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## Strollin' With Stroman



By Dean Stroman

October is when outdoorsmen get that funny look in their eyes. They just cannot stop thinking about that big buck walking in front of them. With bow season opening in October and bird season in full swing, fishing pressure will slow down on most weekends and during the week. One thing that does not slow in fall is the bass fishing. Bass are aggressive, hungry and start to fatten up for the winter and most lakes are not crowded. The next couple of months are deep water... the fishermen's spring time. Lake Fork's best deep water structure fishing starts now and will last until late December. On Indian summer days the

shallow bite will also be good with schooling activities over creek channels from the mouth to back ends on most of Forks major creeks.

Now is the time to break out those jigging spoons, sidewinder spoons and tailkickers. When the white bass or barfish start biting, and the spoons or tailkickers are too much for your liking, switch to a six inch swim bait in 1/2 ounce or 3/4 ounce in shad or barfish pattern. These will also produce a lot of big bass. When the bite slows, switch to a small three to four inch flat tail or twister tail grub in smoke or watermelon colors on 3/8 to 1/2 ounce jig head. Fish it the same way you would a jigging spoon. Hang on! These little grubs will put a lot

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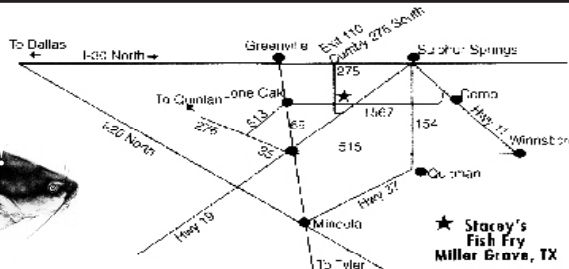
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## Game Wardens Arrest Fishing Tournament Director

Texas Game Wardens have arrested Michael Shane McCloud of Florida (formerly of Bryan-College Station) for theft related to a fishing tournament.

Following his arrest, the 44-year-old McCloud was booked into the Jasper County Jail. No bond has been set.

The investigation that culminated in his arrest began in June 2012 after authorities received numerous complaints related to fishing tournament prize payouts that allegedly did not occur. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Game Wardens and investigators with other law enforcement agencies spent more than a year looking into the practices and methods McCloud used to promote a bass tournament

on Lake Sam Rayburn in June 2012.

After an extensive, multi-jurisdictional investigation in which numerous tournament participants and sponsors in several states were interviewed, a sealed indictment naming McCloud was returned by a Jasper County grand jury. Ultimately, an arrest warrant was issued for McCloud on the theft charge, a state jail felony punishable by a \$1,500 to \$20,000 fine and from 180 days to two years in jail.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Department law enforcement officers assisted Texas Game Wardens in locating McCloud. After being notified to the indictment pending against him, he turned himself in to authorities.

"Due to good police work, collaboration and teamwork this case is now ready to be put in the hands of the court," said Lt. Col. Danny Shaw, deputy division director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Law Enforcement Division. "Texas Game Wardens intend to remain focused on protecting our resources as well as the citizens of Texas from those who wish to exploit either. Fishing tournaments in Texas are a fabric of many communities and reservoirs and Game Wardens will continue to play a role in ensuring they are conducted in a manner consistent with the law."

McCloud's arrest marks the first time a fishing tournament director has been arrested in Texas.

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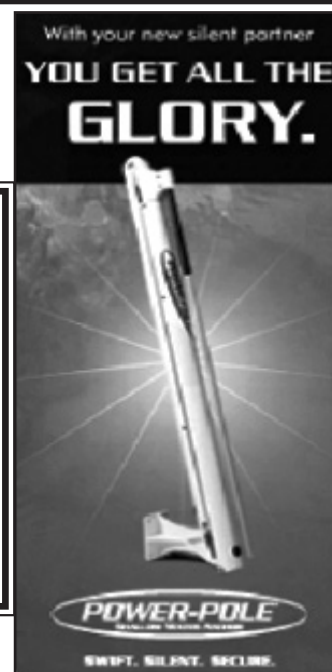


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of bass in the boat (some wall-hangers) during fall months.

Be ready at all times for bass chasing baitfish on top. Some of these schooling bass are big. Swim baits in six inch sizes, 1/2 to 3/4 ounce in shad patterns are hard to beat for these bass. It is important to remember to match your lure size to the size of the baitfish the bass are feeding on.

When fishing deep water structure, fish the mouths of major creeks. Bass will be in the fifteen to thirty foot range. Bends in creek channels, humps, ridges, points and secondary creeks intersecting main creek channels are also some prime areas to fish.

On some days bass will push baitfish to the surface. On other days they will stay close to the bottom. During warming trends the shallow bite will be good in four to eight feet of water. Secondary points and creeks that have deep water access close will be your best bet.

If you are planning a trip to Lake Fork and need a guide, general fishing information or an updated fishing report to help make your Lake Fork fishing experience a good one, you can call me at 903-383-7214 (land line) or 903-850-5083 (cell) or you can email me at [dstroman@peoplescom.net](mailto:dstroman@peoplescom.net).

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—In the last six years, the TTBC has raised \$1.5 million to support fishing and outdoor education programs of TPWD.

—Through its support of TPWD's Neighborhood Fishin'

Program, the TTBC has made 300,000 catfish available in metropolitan areas throughout Texas, enabling more than 80,000 people annually to fish close to where they live. About half those people are first-time anglers.

—TTBC funds have provided a Take-Me-Fishing trailer and nine "how-to-fish" videos that have been featured at 74 events and reached more than 40,000 people. The videos have been viewed online by more than 200,000 people.

—Funds from the TTBC support the Texas division of the Wildlife Forever State-Fish

Art Contest, making the Texas contest one of the largest in the country. Some 3,000 young Texas artists have entered the contest, which uses science, art and fishing to interest youth in the outdoors.

—A top concern among bass anglers is survival of the fish they catch. The TTBC pioneered and each year showcases a tournament format that ensures a near-100 percent survival of fish caught in the tournament. TPWD hopes the TTBC tournament format will become the model for bass tournaments across the country.

—Anglers are heavily involved in efforts to improve fish habitat in reservoirs, and TTBC is an active partner, providing funds for a fish habitat improvement project on Lake Conroe that won a Texas Environmental Excellence Award in 2013.

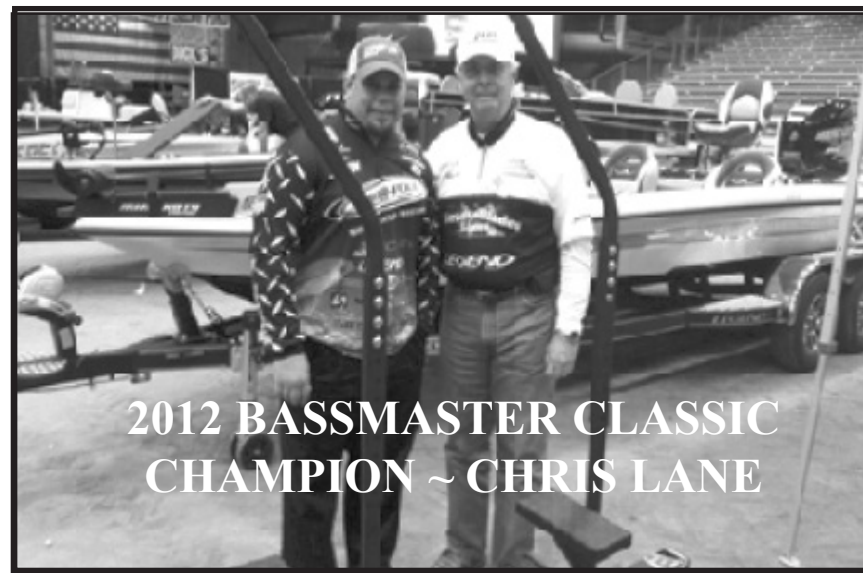
Fishing is big business in Texas, a \$2.3-billion industry that attracts 1.85 million anglers. The TTBC showcases all that is best about fishing, from exciting competition to an outdoor expo that gives families a chance to learn

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# Creepy Crawlies Make Halloween Baking Child's Play

By Sue Hampton

When creepy, crawly creatures come out to play and ghosts and goblins are on parade, it's a good sign that autumn is here and Halloween is on the way. It's time to deck the halls in full spooktacular regalia, complete with tombstones, jack-o-lanterns

and cobwebs.

Now, what's a cobweb without a spider to call it home? "Tarantula Cookies" are a tasty way to add a little fun fright to your next Halloween party with the kids or "spooky movie night." Don't let the hairy arms and legs scare you. These cookies might look frisky,

but they don't bite. If you don't suffer from arachnophobia, follow this easy fun recipe. A great activity for kids and adults alike, Halloween has never been tastier!

## "Tarantula Cookies"

2 cups all-purpose flour  
 ½ teaspoon baking powder  
 ½ teaspoon salt  
 1/8 teaspoon baking soda  
 10 tablespoons butter, softened  
 ½ cup light brown sugar  
 ¼ cup granulated sugar  
 1 egg  
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
 2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder  
 1 bag (8 ounces) thin, short pretzel sticks  
 1 large bag (11-1/2 ounces) milk chocolate chips

2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
 Chocolate sprinkles  
 Small red candies

1. Preheat the oven to 350.
2. In a medium mixing bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, salt and baking soda. Set aside.
3. In a large mixing bowl, beat together the butter, brown sugar and granulated sugar until light and fluffy. Add the egg and vanilla and beat until well blended.
4. Gradually add the flour mixture and cocoa powder. Beat to form a smooth dough.
5. Roll a tablespoon-sized ball of dough, and place it on a baking sheet. Arrange eight pretzel sticks around the ball like spokes on a wheel. Press the tips of the pretzel sticks

firmly into the dough ball. Continue with the rest of the pretzels and dough.

6. Bake until the cookies start to brown around the edges, about 7 to 10 minutes.
7. Lift the cookies from the baking sheets with a spatula and place on wire cooling racks. Let cool completely. Place the racks on sheets of aluminum foil or waxed paper.
8. In a double boiler (or the microwave), melt the chocolate chips with vegetable oil.
9. Pour the melted chocolate over each cookie. Coat with chocolate sprinkles. Press in two red candy eyes on the front of the head. Eek!

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The club's new year starts in November. All tournaments are held on Saturday except for the end of the year two day championship. Members vote on the dates and the lakes to be fished. Membership to join the club is \$30 per person. The club has one tournament per month with a two-day championship at the

**TTBC Boosts** (Continued from Page 7-B)

about and experience a variety of outdoor activities from casting to archery to rock climbing.

This year's Toyota Texas Bass Classic tournament will take place at the Lone Star Convention and Expo Center in Conroe, 50 miles north of Houston, October 4-6. Free tickets are available at Houston-area Toyota dealerships and Academy stores or online at [www.toyotatexasbassclassic.com](http://www.toyotatexasbassclassic.com).

Each evening of the three-day tournament features performances by top names in country music. Friday entertainment will be provided by the Eli Young Band. There will be three performances

Saturday afternoon and evening, by Southern Slang, Lee Brice and The Band Perry. Sunday concerts will be by Thompson Square and Gloriana. The 6:00 p.m. evening concerts will be preceded by exciting weigh-ins of the day's largest catches by the 50 anglers competing.

Each day will feature the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Family Fun Zone and a food court that includes some of the top food trucks from the area. A barbecue cook-off will take place Saturday. Gates open to the public at 2:00 p.m. Friday, October 4, and at noon Saturday and Sunday.

end of their year. Cost per each tournament is \$25 entry, \$5 Big Bass (optional), with a progressive pot for a 7-pound or

over big bass (also optional). Membership applications will be available at the tournament or go to their website and

contact one of the officers, [www.texas-trails-bassmasters.com](http://www.texas-trails-bassmasters.com)

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2. Early entries must be postmarked by Oct. 19, 2013.
3. All entry fees must be paid before 6 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, 2013.
4. Check in time: Friday, Oct. 25, 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 26, 4 a.m. to 6 a.m. at Oakridge Marina.
5. To qualify, contestants must check in at tournament headquarters before fishing.
6. Fishing hours will be 6:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (official clock at sign-in station). NO FISHING from midnight till start time.
7. Fishing will be done on Lake Fork only (trailer allowed).
8. Contestants must fish from a boat. No bank fishing or leaving the boat to land a fish.
9. Life jackets must be worn any time their outboard motor is running.
10. All state, federal, and local laws must be obeyed or contestant and fish may be disqualified. No slot fish may be brought to weigh-in.
11. No one may have more than five (5) fish in their possession at any time. Only one (1) may be 24" or greater.
12. Largemouth bass 12" to 16" or 24" or greater in length may be weighed. No fish under 12" or between 16" and 24" will be weighed (or state law limits at the time of the tournament).
13. All fish must be caught on artificial bait by casting. (No trolling with gas engine). Pork trailer may be used.
14. Weigh-in starts at 3:00 p.m. (official clock at sign-in). You must be in the weigh-in line by 3:30 p.m.
15. All fish must be brought to the scales in weigh-in bags.
16. No iced or frozen fish will be weighed. Ice may be added ONLY to aid in survival of fish.
17. Each contestant will be responsible for weighing his or her own fish. (No pooling of fish).
18. Dead fish at weigh-in will be penalized 1/2 (.5) pound. All fish weighed in become the property of Texas Trails Bassmasters and will be released (with the exception of trophy or dead fish).

19. In the event of a tie for any position, prize money for that position and the following position will be combined and evenly divided between the tying contestants.
20. Contestants may not have served as a compensated guide on Lake Fork 30 days prior to this tournament.
21. Contestants may fished with a guide on Lake Fork prior to the day before fishing this TTB tournament.
22. Use of ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES or CONTROLLED DRUGS are prohibited during tournament hours. Prescription drug use should be declared at sign-in.
23. Anyone who has ever been disqualified for cheating or misconduct from any tournament is ineligible to fish.
24. Any contestant who violates any rule may be disqualified. Any act of a competitor, verbal or physical, that reflects unfavorably upon Texas Trails Bassmasters effort to promote fishing, conservation, clean waters, courtesy or safety shall be reason for disqualification from this and all future Texas Trails Bassmasters tournaments.
25. Parent or guardian must accompany contestants under 18 years of age.
26. All protests must be registered in writing with the tournament judges within 15 minutes after designated weigh-in time. All decisions of the tournament judges will be final in all matters. Anyone protesting the outcome of an Open tournament will have to pay for any additional polygraph test given.
27. All boats must be 8 feet in length or longer. An aerated live well is recommended to aid in fish survival for live release. Anglers cannot leave boat to land a fish.
28. All contestants are responsible to have read these rules and must agree to abide by them (by signing the entry form) while competing in this Texas Trails Bassmasters event.
29. Contestants will be subject to polygraph test. Failure to take and/or pass such a test will result in disqualification.

**Additional Information**

For more information or for information on joining Texas Trails Bassmasters of Lake Fork visit our website



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**Entry Application**

Entry fee of \$40 must accompany mailed entry and must be postmarked on or before Oct. 19, 2013 to Texas Trails Bassmasters, 538 PR 5861, Yantis, TX 75497, or you may pay \$45 at tournament headquarters before starting time of tournament. \$10 extra for Big Bass (optional). Print clearly.

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